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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - IRAN

11. LEAD STORIES: Top items on Wednesday morning included questionable corporate donations received by Finance Minister Yosano.

12. "'Democracy' Is Tested in Iran" The business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (6/24): "Political confrontation [between reformists and conservatives] is developing into a crisis that is undermining the basis of the Iranian political system. The Iranian authorities are tightening information control by prohibiting media coverage of demonstrations and detaining journalists. However, they must not forget that the world is closely watching Iran.... A rift over election results is exposing a much more profound schism over 'freedom of speech' in Iran. The legitimacy of Iran's political system will be questioned and its international isolation will deepen if it continues to use force and allow bloodshed to occur in cracking down on demonstrations."

13. "Iran Taking Harder Diplomatic Approach" The liberal Asahi wrote (6/24): "Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, Iran has been trumpeting anti-American and anti-Israeli foreign policies. It has a history of trying to unite its people by playing up the presence of a 'foe.' In the face of a mounting division within the nation, Tehran again appears to be hopeful about cementing domestic unity by criticizing the U.S. and Europe."

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